



Community Appearance Commission

Minutes December 3, 2008

The regular meeting of the Salisbury Community Appearance Commission was called to order Wednesday, December 3, 2008, at 4 p.m. by Barbara Perry, Chair, at A Step in Time, 5 Easy Street, Salisbury, North Carolina. We began with food and fellowship prior to the meeting as our annual Christmas party.

The following members were present and absent:

Present: Connie Baker, Suzanne Casey, Barbara Lawther, Sean Meyers, Barbara Perry, and Tom Wolpert

Absent: Diane Gibbs, Greta Connor, Suzette Davis, Sara Robinson, and Bill Safrit

Staff: Councilman Mark Lewis, Diana Moghrabi and Lynn Raker

The minutes of the November 2008, meeting were approved as submitted via email. The Commission met on three occasions to replace the lights on the downtown Christmas angel decorations in lieu of their regular November meeting.

Downtown Holiday Storefront Awards

Sarah Robinson, Suzanne Casey, Barbara Perry, Connie Baker, Greta Connor, and Sean Myers will meet Tuesday, December 9 at City Hall's front lobby to take a walking tour of the storefronts and have a lunch immediately afterwards to discuss the award winners.

NEW BUSINESS

- There was a discussion on the proposed demolition of the Kesler Mill. The Community Appearance Commission requested an update regarding the HPC December 1 meeting. The Salisbury Historic Preservation Commission found the entire site has historic significance and is key to maintaining the character of this National Register Historic District and the commission should preserve the 90-day delay.

The Community Appearance Commission was concerned that the initial permitting authorized by the City did not trigger the Historic Preservation Commission to take action. There appeared to be a breakdown in communication between the City and HPC. The process should be corrected so this type of permit application would alert HPC.

- The CAC would like to use the evergreen trees at the gateway bridge on Innes Street for holiday lights. The poles wrapped in lights were not favored by the commission.

The CAC will work with Downtown Salisbury, Inc. to develop a “master plan” for holiday decorations.

- Lynn Raker reported that she is ready to order benches and trashcans for downtown. Rowan Museum ordered a bench and there will be two at the cotton mill project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tuesday, January 20, 2009, the CAC is scheduled to present 2009-2010 Goals to City Council. Lynn Raker presented last year’s goals for review which will be updated and discussed further at the January 7, 2009, regular CAC meeting. The CAC wishes to raise the dollar amount for the Innes Street Grants and the Municipal Service District Grants.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Happy Holidays!

Diana Moghrabi, Secretary